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FOIA REQUEST

Fee benefit requested

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of any document related to the environmental disaster occurred in 2015 in Rio La Pasion, Guatemala, and to the EPA's mission carried out to help local authorities to deal with the disaster.

I would like to receive the information in electronic format.

As a representative of the news media, I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information on Rio La Pasion disaster. That is of current interest to the public because this event was one of the worst ecological disasters occurred in Guatemala in the past decades, and it threatened the access of local population to clean water and food. The causes of this disaster are still a matter of controversy, and EPA's documents could share some light on this issue.

This information is being sought on behalf of Plaza Publica for dissemination to the general public.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

I would appreciate your communicating with me by email or telephone, rather than by mail.

I look forward to your determination regarding my request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Sebastian Escalon